



# POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

*Wethersfield*



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**James Cetran**  
**Chief of Police**

## MAY 2015

### SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

Officer Shane Murphy & K-9 Marley graduated from Castle K-9's Patrol/Narcotic Dog Class on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The team has been assigned to the patrol division.

Wethersfield Police Department, with the assistance of other Mid-State Police Departments held a DUI Checkpoint on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 on the Berlin Turnpike south of Nott Street. 1498 vehicles were briefly stopped by officers with 45 motorists being flagged by the officers for DUI testing or other investigative interviews.

- Seven (7) motorists were detained for DUI assessment. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were conducted and insufficient probable cause was established to make arrests in four (4) cases. There were three (3) arrests for DUI.
- One (1) motorist was charged with Possession of Less Than One-Half Ounce of a Cannabis-Type Substance
- Three (3) motorists were charged with Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle
- Five (5) motorists was charged with Operating with a Suspended License and/or Registration
- Six (6) motorists were charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance
- Three (3) motorists were charged with Driving without a License

One (1) motorist was charged with Misuse of Registration Plates

### MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

#### Patrol Division

On Monday, May 11, 2015, an officer was flagged down in the lot of Walgreen's Pharmacy, 1100 Silas Deane Highway, on report of a motor vehicle that had just been stolen from that location. The car owner reported that his car, a white 4 door 2004 Nissan Altima had been taken and that he had last observed it turning north out of the Walgreen's lot onto Silas Deane Highway. A short time later, an officer spotted the car on Silas Deane Highway by

Jordan Lane. Officers tried to stop the car, however it did not stop. Officers followed the car north onto Wethersfield Ave in Hartford where it subsequently crashed into a fence and fire hydrant in Hartford. Officers arrested the car's driver. At that time, it was discovered that the driver had also just committed a shoplifting of candy from Walgreen's. Walgreen's management confirmed there was a very recent theft of candy. Officers recovered a total of 17 bags of Mint M & M's, 22 bags regular M & M's and 44 bags Peanut M & M's.) Officers also saw the video surveillance from Walgreen's that clearly shows the suspect in the stolen motor vehicle entering Walgreen's, going down the candy aisle, leaving the store without paying, and then getting into the Altima and driving it away. The suspect was arrested for Larceny in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree (stealing the candy), Larceny in the Third Degree (stealing the car), Illegal Operation While License Suspended and Engaging Police In Pursuit. The male that was arrested was positively identified by his Dept. of Correction (DOC) mugshots obtained through dispatch and his fingerprint record. He was held on a \$500.00 bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain court on 5/12/2015.

On May 28, 2015 at 9:02 PM an officer was dispatched to 1430 Berlin Turnpike (EbLens) for the report of a shoplifting that had just occurred. The arriving officer made contact with a store employee and he provided a sworn written statement as to what occurred. The employee stated that at approximately 8:55 PM an Hispanic male who was approximately 5ft 8 inches tall with a white t-shirt on came into the store and tried on a shoe that was on display. The employee stated the Hispanic male then asked for the other shoe because he wanted to try it on. The employee stated he then went and obtained the other shoe from the back of the store and gave it to the Hispanic male to try on. The employee stated that it looked like the Hispanic male was going to try on the shoe but then ran outside of the store. He ran after the male and followed him to the Village Apartments located behind the store and saw the Hispanic male get into the passenger seat of a vehicle. This vehicle appeared to be a gray Infiniti vehicle and he last observed the vehicle traveling south bound on Berlin Tnpk. The sneakers that were stolen were a white, size 10.5 "Nike Lebron's," and are valued at \$279.99. A check of the area was negative for the suspect or suspect vehicle. EbLens stated that they would contact the police department when they had video surveillance footage available for the incident. At this time there are no suspects.

## **Support Services Bureau**

Sixteen persons were taken into custody and held requiring 334 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, ten were arrested on warrants. Thirteen males and three females were transported to court. The females incarcerated by the department required 22 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 120 phone calls and 59 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty-nine were handled by the part-time animal control officers and ten were handled by police officers. Six animals were impounded with three being redeemed, two sold as pets and one carrying over. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for thirteen calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for two calls in

Wethersfield. Cases included one Animal Cruelty case which resulted in an arrest and one dog bite which resulted in a restraining order being placed on the dog.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed one child seat. Both technicians attended a training workshop on updates to child passenger safety.

Wethersfield Public Safety dispatchers received and handled 1089 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 53 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 114 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 253 calls for service.

## **Administrative Services Bureau**

This department has responded to 53 alarm calls in month of May. Residential locations made up 33 (62%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 19 (36%), and State / Town government made up 1 (2%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 51 burglar, and 2 holdup / panic. There currently are 1,646 alarm registrations on file, 47 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Four new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$975 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 62 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 55 items of correspondence sent out.

## **Detective Division**

During the month of May 2015, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to thirteen (13) new cases. The major case investigations involved; one (1) robbery, three (3) larcenies, two (2) frauds and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

On Friday May 8, 2015, at approximately 1100 hours, Wethersfield Police responded to a report of an armed robbery at a jewelry store on the Berlin Turnpike. Employees reported that a black male entered the store and asked to look at a gold chain. After looking at the chain, the male pulled out a handgun, jumped over the counter, and took the chain. The male threatened the employees with the gun. The male left the store and ran through the parking lot. The suspect then ran up to a male on a bicycle and got into a pushing match with the bicycle owner, eventually taking the bike and riding off on it. The suspect got off the bike, and ran into a wooded area and escaped.

Wethersfield Detectives are investigating the incident. The chain was valued at approximately \$6,000.00.

## **Juvenile Detective**

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 35 incidents, involving 42 juveniles during the month of May 2015. In these incidents 2 juveniles were arrested, 3 juveniles were diverted for parental discipline and 4 juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board.

## **School Resource Officer (Middle School)**

During the month of April the SRO covered a total of 40 incidents which were non -criminal including activities at the school. These incidents were entered into the School Cop database.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meeting with Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO attended Staff Security Meetings, Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program meetings, and weekly attendance meetings. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board and the Crisis Management Team meeting with Social & Youth Services to discuss the involvement of youth for Town Youth Programs.

## **School Resource Officer (High School)**

During the month of May the WHS SRO, patrol, and the juvenile detective covered a total of twenty one (21) incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. Four (4) incident reports were completed. The incident reports included three theft reports and one physical altercation report. There were two arrests at the school during the month of May.

The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board.

## **COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 11 different times for a total of approximately 7 hour 27 minutes. Locations given extra attention included McMullen Avenue and Back Lane.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used to conduct a traffic survey on Fox Hill Road eastbound in the area of #286 over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 97 survey hours, 3,266 cars were recorded, averaging 34 cars per hour. Results from the device showed an average speed of 27.26 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 34 MPH and a top speed of 54 MPH (one vehicle.)

Based on a complaint from a citizen, a traffic study on McMullen Avenue in the area of #53 was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of ten (10) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 25 MPH. During the 228.75 survey hours, 7,202 cars were recorded, averaging 31.46 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 25.33 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 24.5 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH and a top speed of 56 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during May, 2015:

- For the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 23, 2015 cones, barricades, and temporary “No Parking” signs were placed on numerous streets, including State Street, Nott Street, Garden Street, Church Street, Main Street and Broad Street, in Old Wethersfield.
- For the Fireworks Event on Saturday, May 30, 2015 barricades and temporary “No Parking” signs were placed on numerous streets around the Wethersfield Cove Park.

## Training Division

On Wednesday, May 5, 2015, members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team** (CREST), including Lieutenant Mark Poisson and Officer Jeffry Poulin began attending monthly two-day training.

On Tuesday, May 5, 2015, Detective Norberto Mendez and Officers Robert Arduini, Nuno Martins, and Edwin Dailey attended a one day training class entitled **“Police Response to Juvenile Offenders in Domestic Violence Cases.”** Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room, Wethersfield, CT. Course objectives address how police should investigate Domestic Violence cases the person committing the offense is a juvenile.

On Wednesday, May 6, 2015, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled **“Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.”** Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Thursday, May 7, 2015, Detective Norberto Mendez attended a one day course entitled **“Overcoming Obstacles in the Difficult Interview.”** The training was held at the Manchester Country Club, Manchester, CT. This training helps investigators get past issues that sometimes cause interviews to shut down.

On Monday, May 11, 2015, Officers Michael Wren and Robert Arduini began attending the five day **“Capitol Region Police Recertification Program.”** This training was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Wednesday, May 13, 2015, Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended "**Regional Incident Dispatch (RID) Team Training.**" This training was held at the Plainville Police Department, Plainville, CT. The RID Team is a group of approximately twelve telecommunicators comprised from local law enforcement agencies. The RID Team is designed to supplement area Dispatch Centers in the event of a large crisis, man-made/ natural disaster etc.

On Wednesday, May 20, 2015, Officer Kevin Foster and Dispatcher Karen Tomczyk attended a one day training class entitled "**Active Shooting Response.**" Training was held at the Wethersfield Police Department Community Room, Wethersfield, CT. Course objectives specifically address the role of the public safety telecommunicator in active shooting incidents.

On Thursday, May 21, 2015, Animal Control Officers Deborah Monde and Ronald Plante attended "**Legal Update pertaining to Animals.**" This training class was held at the Ellington Ambulance House, Ellington, CT. This training gave an overview of new laws pertaining to animals.

On Wednesday, May 27, 2015, Officers Joel Diloreto, Justin Hilchuk, Jessica Ficara, Peter Salvatore, and Michael Forrest attended a one day training class entitled "**Effective Police Interactions with Youth**". Training was held at the Courtyard by Marriott, Cromwell, CT. Officers were trained on youth behavior and strategies for interacting effectively with youth.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The annual 5K Keane Foundation Road Race will be held on Sunday June 7, 2015 at 11 AM.

Wethersfield High School Graduation is scheduled for Friday, June 19, 2015 at Cove Park.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets will continue with practical skills training during the month of June. The Wethersfield Police Cadets will be focusing on fund raising efforts for their post.

Wethersfield detectives are working with the Patrol Division assisting with personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Agency to investigate local individuals.

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## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	MAY 2014	MAY 2015	YTD 2014	YTD 2015
<b>Criminal Arrests</b>				
Criminal Arrests	76	69	304	362
<b>Burglaries and Robberies</b>				
Residential Burglaries	5	0	11	5
Commercial Burglaries	1	0	8	0
Armed Robberies	0	1	0	1
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	1	0
<b>Family Violence Arrests</b>				
Family Violence Arrests	11	7	31	33
<b>Traffic Related</b>				
Infractions/ MV Summons	277	197	784	897
DUI	12	13	38	26
MV Crashes	55	74	197	322
Parking Tags	205	159	382	360
<b>Miscellaneous Activities</b>				
911 Calls	918	1089	3274	4681
Alarm Responses	61	53	279	306
Records Requests	259	213	918	1119
Prisoners Transported	18	16	69	64
Child Car Seat Installations	3	1	22	23